

Taylor (MS)	Van Hollen	Weller
Terry	Visclosky	Westmoreland
Thomas	Walden (OR)	Wexler
Thompson (CA)	Walsh	Whitfield
Thompson (MS)	Wamp	Wicker
Thornberry	Wasserman	Wilson (NM)
Tiahrt	Schultz	Wilson (SC)
Tiberi	Watson	Wolf
Tierney	Watt	Woolsey
Towns	Waxman	Wu
Udall (CO)	Weiner	Wynn
Udall (NM)	Weldon (FL)	Young (AK)
Upton	Weldon (PA)	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—39

Berkley	Galleghy	Owens
Berman	Hayes	Oxley
Blumenauer	Hooley	Peterson (PA)
Bono	Jefferson	Pickering
Butterfield	Johnson, Sam	Pitts
Clay	Kaptur	Radanovich
Costa	Kilpatrick (MI)	Serrano
Davis (FL)	LaHood	Shays
Delahunt	Lynch	Souder
Doggett	McMorris	Taylor (NC)
Emanuel	Miller, Gary	Turner
Evans	Miller, George	Velázquez
Ford	Murtha	Waters

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1808

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 2006, I traveled to Connecticut to deliver a high school graduation address and, therefore, missed 11 recorded votes.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on recorded vote No. 308, "yes" on recorded vote 309, "yes" on recorded vote 310, "yes" on recorded vote 311, "yes" on recorded vote 312, "yes" on recorded vote 313, "no" on recorded vote 314, "yes" on recorded vote 315, "no" on recorded vote 316, "yes" on recorded vote 317, and "yes" on recorded vote 318.

## REPORT ON H.R. 5672, SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. WOLF, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-520) on the bill (H.R. 5672) making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia). Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, JUNE 23, 2006, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 5351, NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REFORM AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security have until midnight tomorrow night to file a report on H.R. 5351.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, at this time I yield to my friend, Mr. BOEHNER, the majority leader, for the purposes of inquiring about the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. BOEHNER. I thank my colleague for yielding.

Next week, Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Monday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour, and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will have some suspensions on the floor on Monday. A final list of those bills will be distributed by the end of the week.

For the balance of the week, the House will consider, on Tuesday, the flood insurance reform program. We are hopeful that the State, Science, Justice and Commerce appropriations bill could come up as early as Tuesday evening.

The rest of the week, H.R. 4761, the Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act, and any possible conference reports that might be available.

I don't want anyone to misinterpret what I am going to say about next week's schedule. I am trying my best to make sure that we are finished by next Thursday evening. I think the congressional baseball game is next Thursday evening. I would like for us to complete our work before then.

Now, I want to make it perfectly clear that I am not committing myself to that. We have work that we need to get finished next week, but I am hopeful that our work leading into the July 4 District Work Period will be completed by then.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. Reclaiming my time, you did not mention the time at which we will have votes on Monday night, but I presume it is 6:30. Is that accurate?

Mr. BOEHNER. That is correct.

Mr. HOYER. Okay. And you have just answered my question on Friday.

Let me ask you, we are talking about Fridays, after the July 4 work period, the schedule tentatively has on there working Monday through Friday on the 3 weeks in July. We have been pretty efficient in getting the appropriations bills through. We have two left. I will ask you about a couple of those.

But is it still your expectation, given that the appropriations bills will probably, hopefully, all be done by that time, that we would still schedule 5-day weeks?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. I thank my colleague for yielding.

I can announce to the House that we do not expect to have votes on Friday, July 14. We will have votes on that Monday preceding that, but I expect that we will have no votes on the 14th.

It is also my expectation that by the close of business next Thursday we will have a firm-up schedule for July. The schedule that we are operating under was developed last December, and I think it is incumbent upon us to review that. And so by the end of next week, we will have a revised schedule. If there are any other times available, we will have that out to Members by the end of next week.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. And I know the Members will appreciate a more definite schedule when you are able to give that.

Mr. Leader, we had expected that the Voting Rights Act would be on the floor this week. I think you had expected that as well.

Mr. BOEHNER. I sure did.

Mr. HOYER. This is obviously, from our perspective, I think from your perspective, a very important bill and we thought we had bipartisan agreement on the bill. It came out of committee, as you know, in an overwhelming bipartisan vote. Do you have an expectation of when we might see that bill on the floor?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. The Voting Rights Act is a very important piece of legislation. It is a very important piece of the legislation done in the 1960s. It is an important part of our civil rights protections. As we reauthorize this bill, I think we need to remember it is not due to expire until July of next year. And we have Members who have different interpretations of what some of the words say in the bill that came out of committee. There has been some concerns raised. We are trying to clarify some issues for Members.

□ 1815

When we get it resolved, we will bring it to the floor.

I would just say, having been my open and honest self so many times here on time frames and then to have them come back and bite me, I am a bit reluctant to suggest to you when this will occur, but as soon as we clarify these issues to the satisfaction of Members, we will bring it up.

Mr. HOYER. I appreciate the gentleman's comments. Obviously we share the view that this is an important bill. We understand that the act has some time before reauthorization needs to be done, but in light of the fact that it came out of committee with very bipartisan support, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. WATT, and others worked

very hard on this bill, we are hopeful it can move as soon as possible so the Senate can itself consider it.

The next bill that we had thought was going to be on the calendar last week, the Labor-Health bill, is not listed for this coming week. I have noted some of your comments in the papers, but obviously this bill, as you know, includes an increase in the minimum wage, which was voted out of committee on a bipartisan vote, and we believe that if it is brought to the floor, it will be approved on a bipartisan vote.

But can the gentleman tell me what the expectations are for the Labor-Health bill?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. It is not on the schedule next week.

Mr. HOYER. You have no expectations, then?

Mr. BOEHNER. I didn't say that. It is just not on the schedule next week.

Mr. HOYER. Clearly the appropriation bills have been bills which I know the majority wanted to move, and I would hope, notwithstanding the fact that there is a provision that the committee approved, that we would not subject that to a majority vote on the floor.

Mr. BOEHNER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I will be glad to yield.

Mr. BOEHNER. Yes. The bill came out of committee, but typically the rules of the House don't allow Members to legislate on an appropriation bill, and I think there are a lot of people who believe that is legislation on an appropriation bill. So there are some concerns about it. And let me be fair. There are other issues with the bill beyond the provision that was authored by my friend from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, that was my assumption as well, that there are other issues. But in terms of the gentleman's observation regarding the rules, just as typically it has been our observation that if the majority wanted something on the floor, they simply waived the rules, and they have done so on a very frequent basis. We are just hopeful that you would see your way clear to doing that just one more time.

Mr. BOEHNER. I will take that into consideration.

Mr. HOYER. I thought you would.

Mr. Leader, the Health IT bill and other health care-related bills, I know this was supposed to be Health Care Week. I may have missed it, but in any event, if it went by me, it is Health Care Week.

Can you tell me whether or not the IT bill might come at some point in time?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. Do these questions get any easier?

The Health IT bill has shared jurisdiction between the Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee. There are some

issues. They are trying to resolve those issues. The chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, as you are probably aware, was preoccupied with two other projects this week, and I do not believe that the issues have been resolved. I do expect it will be up early in July, but I am not sure that we are going to be able to resolve those differences by next week.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

Lastly, Mr. Leader, there has been a lot of talk on it, and we have voted on it numerous times, the so-called pledge protection bill. Do you know whether that might be on the floor next week?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. If it does come up, it will be under suspension of the rules. I would like to see it on the floor next week, and we are discussing that with Chairman SENSENBRENNER. I would hope that it is up next week.

If I could continue, the gentleman was kind enough not to ask me the question that he has asked me for the last 3 months, and that is the status of the pension bill, so I thought I would just do it on my own.

We have made a lot of progress this week, and I have talked to Democrat Members here in the House and in the Senate, as well as my Republican colleagues. We are very close, I believe, to an agreement that will receive the kind of broad bipartisan support we saw of the pension bill when it left the House and the Senate last year. So I am not sure that the conference report will be ready for the floor next week, but it is possible.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information. He and I share the view that the pension bill is a very important bill for employees and for employers. I know the gentleman has been working hard on it.

But in light of the fact you did bring it up, last week we talked about the inclusion of both parties in the deliberations. After our conversation, I had the opportunity to check with Mr. RANGEL, and I don't think he has been included. I do believe that Senator KENNEDY and Senator BAUCUS have been included, and there was a lot of discussion, but I will tell my friend that the information I have, which may be incorrect, is that at least in terms of this House, the ranking member has not been included in the deliberations. I think that would really be helpful when it comes back out so that our Members would be able to have the information from our ranking member as to his insights into what has been done, and I would hope that could occur.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia). Is there objection to

the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASCENSION TO THE THRONE OF HIS MAJESTY KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ OF THAILAND

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 409) commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, with a Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read the Senate amendment, as follows:

Senate amendment:

Amend the preamble as follows:

Page 2, unnumbered line 4, strike out "Agency" and insert "Program".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, JUNE 23, 2006, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 5316, RESPOND ACT OF 2006

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight, Friday, June 23, 2006, to file a report to accompany the bill, H.R. 5316, the RESPOND Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

#### CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this week again, Mr. Speaker, the House and the Senate failed to increase